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Lisbon, December 6. N. S.

THE Fleets under the British Convoy, homeward-bound, will be in a readiness to sail within 3 or 4 Days. His Majesty has published an Edict, by which his Troops are put under a Regulation more proper for acting in concert with his Allies than heretofore. All Posts and Denominations of Officers which are not received among the Confederates, are to be suppress'd, and the Persons who bore those Offices are to be plac'd in Commissions of equal Quality in the new Establishment. The Foot will be disposed into Regiments, consisting of 12 Companies, including one of Granadiers, each Company of 50 Men, besides Commission Officers. The Horse and Dragoons are to receive the same Pay, and to be formed also into Regiments, each Regiment consisting of 12 Troops.

Milan, Nov. 30. All the Troops which are to Winter in Lombardy are disposed of in their respective Quarters. A great Part of those that are to march to Germany are already embarked upon the Lake de Guarda; the rest of them remaining till the Return of the Transport Vessels at Desenzano, where they observe an exact Discipline. Great Levies are raising in this Country for the next Campaign. Prince Eugene, after having made all the necessary Regulations in the Military and Civil Establishment, departed hence on the 27th Instant for the Court of Vienna; from whence, it is said, he will return hither by the Beginning of Christmas. They write from Genoa, That every thing was in a readiness there and at Final for the Embarkment of the Imperial and Palatine Troops designed for Catalonia. Admiral Dilkes is expected suddenly at Genoa with a Squadron of British and Dutch Men of War. Our Letters from Leghorne tell us, That a strong Squadron of Men of War was expected there, to transport the Queen of Spain to Barcelona. Letters from Naples advise, That the overflowing of the Rivers had caus'd great Disorders in Calabria, and obliged the Inhabitants of that Province to desire an Exemption from quartering the Troops that are designed for the Expedition upon Sicily. Count Thaun has demanded of the Collateral Council 400000 Ducats for that Expedition; and promised to employ in it the 4000 Men who are to be drawn out of Lombardy, and part of the Germans which are already in the Kingdom of Naples, with all the Spaniards and Italians that belonged to the Garisons of Pescara and Gaeta, and listed themselves in the Service of King Charles after the Reduction of those two Places. They are repairing all the Breaches that were made in the Fortifications of Gaeta; and are resolved to make several new Works for the Defence of other Maritime Places of the Kingdom. The Prince of San Severo is gone into Apulia, in order to gather together great Quantities of Corn and Oyl for the Supply of the City of Naples, where the Inhabitants are in extream want of both, by reason of the Sicilian Privateers, that infest their Coasts, and destroy their Commerce.

Paris, December 16. The Marshal de Tessé continues his Request to retire from the Service, although he is very much recovered of his late Indisposition; and 'tis believ'd that Monsieur Catinat or the Duke of Berwick will have the Command of the Army in Dauphiné. The States of Provence have agreed to make the King a Free Gift of 700000 Livres, as they have done in former Years; and the People of Languedoc have consented to raise Three Millions after the same Manner, as also Two by way of Capitation. On the 10th Instant Nicholas Colbert, Archbishop of Roan, departed this Life in this City. They talk of many Alterations to be made among the Intendants of the Provinces. Letters from Marseilles of the 2d of the last Month advise, That the Marquis of Valsemé, who serves under the Count de Grignan, was come thither with Intelligence, That the Duke of Savoy had order'd a Battalion to pass the Col de Tende, and enter into Garison at Saorgio, in the Neighbourhood of the Country of Nice. The King has given the Abbey of Bec, vacant by the Death of the Archbishop of Roan, to the Abbot of Roche-Guyon, Grandson to the Duke of Rochefoucault. His Majesty hath confirmed the Election of the Abbot Fraguier into the French Academy; where he would have been admitted some Months sooner, had he not been represented as a Favourer of the Jansenists. The Court remov'd to Marly 3 Days ago; and hath lately publish'd several Regulations concerning the Value of our Current Coin, the Payment of Money-Bills to the Town-House of Paris, and the Manner how they shall pass in all other Payments for their full Value. We have Advice from Dauphiné, That 7000 Foot and 1800 Horse were marching thence for Alsace; and that, in order to recruit the remaining Troops which are still in Dauphiné, Savoy, and Nice, amounting to 61 Battalions and 40 Squadrons, there were Orders issued to raise two Men out of every Village in those Parts. Letters from Spain advise, That the Duke of Orleans had named the Count Louvignies, a Camp-Marshal to the Spanish Forces, for Governor of Lerida; and garison'd that Place with four French Battalions and two Regiments of Spanish Cavalry. The same Letters add, That the Count Louvignies had employed 3000 Men in repairing the Works and Fortifications of that Place, which are almost ruined by the long Siege it hath sustained. His Royal Highness, after having fixed the Head Quarters of the Army at Saragossa, has given Orders for the separating of his Troops, most of which are posted between the Segra and the Cinca, from Mequinenza to Baloguier, under the Command of Count d'Estain, a Lieutenant-General. The Count de Jeoffreville was returned with 1000 Cavalry from an Incursion he had made into a District of the Kingdom of Arragon, to oblige the Inhabitants to bring their Provisions to the Army. A Body of the Allies was still at Tarragona, and the rest at Montblanc, 5 Leagues from that City, where they were resolved to continue encamped till the Spanish and French Army was broken up, and gone into Winter Quarters.

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